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REP. KATE HOGAN'S SENIOR NEWS

Memorial Day 2021



Following are remarks that State Representative Kate Hogan delivered at Maynard's Memorial Day 2021 ceremony.

Memorial Day is Personal. In honor of Memorial Day 2021 – our country's sacred occasion for national remembrance -- we stand here to bear witness for all who have been lost serving our nation over the 245 years of its history.

This is the 12th Memorial Day that I have been honored to remember those heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. And, over the years, I have come to learn that Memorial

Day is a very personal day of remembrance for many: it's a day to remember those lost on the battlefields of Europe, over the Pacific, and on the Korean Peninsula, in Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Our lost heroes are husbands, daughters, fathers, and sons - loved ones who answered the call to duty and placed themselves willingly in harm's way for love of country, and of you.

And this year should be no different, but it is.

For we feel the pain of a nation reckoning with another loss - the lives cut short over the last twelve months from a pandemic, an invisible enemy. Let us stand and recognize the selfless, courageous fortitude of health-care workers, first responders, and many other essential workers - so many of whom were veterans - as they spent this year risking their lives on the front lines against this deadly virus.

We are hopeful that the end may be near. And while this victory won over a pandemic caused pain and suffering, and crushing loss, there was also teamwork, determination, and love. Our National Guard, medical professionals and public safety personnel joined together to fight for the lives of their fellow Americans.

Yes, Memorial Day is personal.

We mourn these losses, and we also lift our eyes to look to the future with hope for our country and with compassion for the families, friends and neighbors who've experienced the loss of loved ones. We hope for a brighter future while offering a prayer that their lives not be forgotten.

Today we honor those heroes who gave their last measure of duty and devotion. May we all come to realize that the hero sacrifices their future for ours. May we also realize that this is a sacred trust and a responsibility to commit to a town, a Commonwealth and a country worthy of a hero's sacrifice.

God bless Maynard. God bless the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and God bless America.

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